

# Statistics in focus

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### Prices

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## Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices August 2006

Euro area<sup>1</sup> annual inflation, as measured by the Monetary Union Index of Consumer Prices (MUICP), was 2.3% in August 2006, down from 2.4% in July 2006. A year earlier the rate was 2.2%.

EU annual inflation, as measured by the European Index of Consumer Prices (EICP)<sup>2</sup>, fell from 2.4% in July to 2.3% in August 2006. A year earlier the rate was 2.2%.

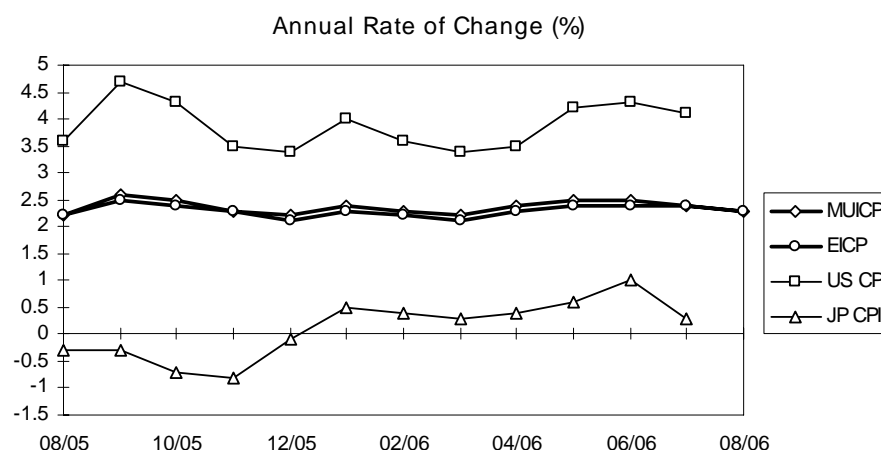
EEA annual inflation, as measured by the European Economic Area Index of Consumer Prices (EEAICP), was 2.3% in August 2006.

In August 2006, the highest annual inflation rates in EU Member States were recorded in Latvia (6.8%), Estonia and Slovakia (both 5.0%), and the lowest rates were observed in and Finland (1.3%), Sweden (1.6%) and Poland (1.7%).

For the USA<sup>3</sup> and Japan<sup>3</sup> no August data was available in time for publication.

The annual inflation rates for the euro area, the EU and the latest available rates for the USA and Japan are shown in the graph below.

Methodological notes can be accessed via the Eurostat internet site under Publications/Methods and nomenclatures/Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices – [Short guide for users](#) (issue date: 17/05/2004).



- <sup>1</sup> The euro area comprises: Belgium, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal and Finland.
- <sup>2</sup> The EICP (EICP='European Index of Consumer Prices' as defined in Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 of 23 October 1995) is the official EU aggregate. It covers 15 Member States until April 2004 and 25 Member States starting from May 2004. The ten new Member States are integrated into the EICP starting from May 2004 using a chain index formula.
- <sup>3</sup> For the USA and Japan the national CPIs are given, which are not strictly comparable with the HICPs.



TABLE I  
HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES  
INDEX NUMBERS 2005 = 100

	Euro area	EICP	BE	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IE	IT	CY
Annual Average Index													
2003	95.81	95.95	95.75	96.0	97.5	96.4	93.22	93.79	93.86	95.89	95.7	95.7	96.18
2004	97.86	97.88	97.53	98.4	98.3	98.1	96.05	96.63	96.73	98.14	97.9	97.8	98.00
2005	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.0	100.0	100.00
Monthly Index - 2004													
Jan	96.45	96.51	95.05	97.7	97.4	97.0	93.65	94.71	94.44	96.79	95.9	96.2	95.55
Feb	96.62	96.69	96.84	97.8	97.8	97.2	93.85	94.05	94.52	97.22	96.8	96.1	95.55
Mar	97.29	97.28	96.92	98.0	98.3	97.7	94.18	96.74	95.22	97.65	97.2	97.1	96.42
Apr	97.72	97.69	97.44	98.0	98.4	97.9	94.77	97.10	96.55	97.91	97.5	97.9	97.13
May	98.05	98.08	97.78	98.6	98.8	98.1	96.62	97.54	97.09	98.26	97.7	98.0	97.99
Jun	98.05	98.09	97.69	98.8	98.5	98.1	96.95	97.32	97.25	98.35	98.2	98.2	98.62
Jul	97.88	97.92	96.67	99.0	98.2	98.5	96.69	95.43	96.55	98.17	97.8	98.0	97.36
Aug	98.05	98.06	98.29	99.0	97.8	98.6	96.62	95.14	97.01	98.35	98.4	97.8	97.84
Sep	98.22	98.23	98.20	98.3	98.6	98.3	96.82	97.18	97.17	98.43	98.5	98.3	98.86
Oct	98.56	98.57	98.71	98.8	99.0	98.5	97.15	97.90	98.18	98.78	98.6	98.6	99.88
Nov	98.48	98.53	98.54	98.6	98.7	98.1	97.54	97.98	98.42	98.78	98.8	98.8	100.28
Dec	98.90	98.92	98.20	98.6	98.4	99.2	97.74	98.49	98.34	98.95	98.9	99.1	100.51
Monthly Index - 2005													
Jan	98.31	98.42	96.92	99.2	98.2	98.6	97.54	98.70	97.40	98.35	97.9	98.1	98.23
Feb	98.65	98.73	99.06	99.2	98.8	99.0	98.14	97.03	97.64	99.04	98.8	98.0	97.84
Mar	99.32	99.32	99.65	99.1	99.6	99.3	98.73	99.50	98.49	99.73	99.0	99.2	98.70
Apr	99.75	99.73	99.82	99.4	100.1	99.3	99.19	100.30	99.90	99.91	99.6	100.0	99.80
May	100.00	100.00	99.99	99.5	100.0	99.7	99.39	100.67	100.05	99.91	99.8	100.3	100.04
Jun	100.08	100.08	100.33	100.1	100.2	99.9	100.05	100.45	100.36	100.08	100.1	100.3	100.12
Jul	100.00	100.02	99.31	100.4	100.0	100.3	100.45	99.14	99.74	99.91	100.0	100.1	98.62
Aug	100.25	100.26	101.10	100.4	100.1	100.5	100.71	98.56	100.21	100.34	100.5	99.9	99.33
Sep	100.76	100.71	101.10	100.3	100.9	100.8	101.57	100.88	100.83	100.77	101.2	100.5	100.98
Oct	101.02	100.95	100.93	101.2	100.9	100.8	101.50	101.54	101.61	100.77	101.2	101.2	102.09
Nov	100.76	100.75	100.85	100.8	100.5	100.3	101.43	101.32	101.77	100.51	101.0	101.2	102.32
Dec	101.10	101.03	100.93	100.5	100.6	101.3	101.30	101.90	102.00	100.69	100.8	101.2	101.93
Monthly Index - 2006													
Jan	100.66	100.64	99.60	101.6	100.2	100.7	102.08	101.67	101.53	100.60	100.3	100.3	100.22
Feb	100.94	100.93	101.88	101.6	100.9	101.1	102.60	100.07	101.60	100.99	101.5	100.2	100.13
Mar	101.51	101.40	101.81	101.5	101.4	101.2	102.71	102.82	102.32	101.44	101.8	101.4	101.31
Apr	102.19	102.06	102.38	101.7	101.9	101.6	103.44	103.84	103.80	101.89	102.3	102.3	102.34
May	102.46	102.41	102.74	102.3	102.1	101.8	104.00	103.96	104.17	102.32	102.8	102.6	102.54
Jun	102.54	102.52	102.82	102.4	102.3	101.9	104.48	103.90	104.33	102.32	103.0	102.7	102.75
Jul	102.41	102.42	101.72	102.8	102.0	102.4	104.94	103.02	103.76	102.13	102.9	102.4	101.42
Aug	102.51p	102.59p	103.49	103.0	102.0	102.3	105.70	101.96	103.99	102.46	103.7	102.2	102.04
Sep													
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HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES  
2005 = 100  
INDEX NUMBERS

LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	SI	SK	FI	SE	UK	
Annual Average Index														
88.10	96.29	93.36	90.50	94.95	97.18	96.06	94.5	95.52	94.16	90.52	99.10	98.18	96.7	2003
93.55	97.41	96.37	96.63	97.53	98.52	97.94	97.9	97.92	97.60	97.28	99.24	99.18	98.0	2004
100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.0	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.0	2005
Monthly Index - 2004														
90.36	95.77	94.02	94.41	94.26	97.33	96.80	95.8	96.40	95.58	96.09	99.01	98.36	97.0	Jan
90.92	95.61	95.24	95.47	94.33	97.89	97.23	95.9	96.24	95.75	96.73	99.45	98.18	97.2	Feb
91.82	96.09	95.32	95.97	94.72	98.69	97.58	96.2	96.48	96.32	96.95	99.01	99.06	97.4	Mar
92.37	96.41	95.81	96.25	98.70	99.01	97.49	96.9	97.42	96.94	96.95	99.01	99.32	97.8	Apr
93.55	97.93	96.29	97.12	98.86	99.18	97.84	98.0	98.20	97.79	97.27	99.19	99.67	98.1	May
94.10	98.01	96.70	97.17	99.17	98.45	98.02	98.6	99.37	98.24	97.48	99.10	99.15	98.1	Jun
94.31	97.93	95.89	97.17	99.64	98.13	97.75	98.5	98.51	98.75	97.65	98.84	98.97	97.8	Jul
94.24	97.61	96.94	96.85	99.17	98.29	98.10	98.2	98.12	98.47	97.54	99.10	98.88	98.1	Aug
94.66	98.17	97.10	96.94	99.64	99.10	98.02	98.5	98.04	98.07	97.65	99.53	99.67	98.2	Sep
95.00	98.33	97.59	97.40	99.64	99.26	98.54	99.1	98.51	98.18	97.81	99.88	100.11	98.4	Oct
95.49	98.57	97.92	97.45	95.66	98.85	98.71	99.4	98.82	98.75	97.70	99.36	99.41	98.6	Nov
95.77	98.49	97.67	97.40	96.60	98.05	99.15	99.4	98.90	98.30	97.54	99.36	99.41	99.1	Dec
Monthly Index - 2005														
96.39	98.49	96.70	98.14	96.05	98.53	99.15	99.4	98.35	97.79	99.20	98.84	98.88	98.6	Jan
97.29	98.65	98.32	98.69	96.67	99.34	99.50	99.4	98.27	98.47	99.31	99.45	99.32	98.8	Feb
97.85	99.21	98.65	99.15	97.14	100.14	99.93	99.5	98.67	99.48	99.31	99.88	99.58	99.3	Mar
98.89	99.53	99.38	99.88	100.65	100.30	99.76	99.9	99.37	99.54	99.53	100.15	99.76	99.7	Apr
99.65	99.77	99.86	100.48	101.27	100.22	99.76	100.1	99.92	99.88	99.63	99.80	99.85	100.0	May
100.27	99.93	99.78	100.76	101.27	99.90	100.02	100.0	99.99	99.93	100.01	100.06	99.93	100.0	Jun
100.27	99.77	99.70	100.67	101.35	99.58	99.76	100.0	100.38	100.72	99.69	99.71	99.67	100.1	Jul
100.13	99.85	101.08	100.21	101.66	99.90	99.93	100.0	100.54	100.22	99.63	100.06	99.93	100.4	Aug
101.66	100.65	101.65	100.39	101.66	100.78	100.55	100.4	100.70	101.18	99.90	100.67	100.72	100.6	Sep
102.35	101.30	102.46	100.44	102.60	100.78	100.55	100.7	101.09	101.35	101.24	100.67	100.98	100.7	Oct
102.70	101.38	101.41	100.62	99.79	100.46	100.37	100.5	101.32	100.78	101.24	100.32	100.63	100.7	Nov
102.56	101.46	101.00	100.58	99.87	100.06	100.72	100.2	101.40	100.67	101.30	100.41	100.72	101.0	Dec
Monthly Index - 2006														
103.67	101.98	100.63	100.55	98.31	100.28	100.66	100.3	100.95	100.32	103.23	100.00	100.01	100.5	Jan
104.09	102.03	102.13	100.92	98.93	100.78	100.99	100.3	101.15	100.70	103.56	100.77	100.37	100.9	Feb
104.29	102.24	102.31	101.51	100.00	101.58	101.26	100.4	101.65	101.43	103.57	101.04	101.03	101.1	Mar
104.96	102.94	102.81	102.27	104.16	102.06	101.84	101.1	102.23	102.34	103.90	101.61	101.58	101.7	Apr
106.69	103.39	103.43	103.37	104.83	102.02	101.86	101.6	102.79	103.27	104.41	101.52	101.78	102.2	May
106.58	103.66	103.70	103.66	104.57	101.68	101.88	101.5	102.74	102.96	104.55	101.54	101.78	102.5	Jun
107.22	104.18	103.08	103.85	104.96	101.32r	101.72	101.4	102.61	102.66	104.68	101.07	101.44	102.5	Jul
106.96	104.12	104.23	104.91	104.66	101.81p	102.03p	101.7	102.53	103.35	104.57	101.37	101.48	102.9	Aug
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TABLE II  
HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES  
RATES OF CHANGE (%)

	Euro area	EICP	BE	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IE	IT	CY
Annual Average Rate of Change													
2003/12	2.1	2.0	1.5	-0.1	2.0	1.0	1.4	3.4	3.1	2.2	4.0	2.8	4.0
2004/12	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.6	0.9	1.8	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.9
2005/12	2.2	2.2	2.5	1.6	1.7	1.9	4.1	3.5	3.4	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.0
2006/8	2.4p	2.3p	2.6	2.4	2.0	2.1	4.4	3.5	3.9	2.1	2.7	2.3	2.3
Annual Rate of Change - 2004													
Jan	1.9	1.8	1.4	2.0	0.9	1.1	0.6	3.1	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	1.6
Feb	1.6	1.5	1.2	2.0	0.6	0.8	0.6	2.6	2.2	1.9	2.2	2.5	1.4
Mar	1.7	1.5	1.0	2.2	0.4	1.1	0.7	2.9	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.3	0.1
Apr	2.0	1.8	1.7	2.0	0.5	1.7	1.5	3.1	2.7	2.4	1.7	2.3	0.1
May	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.6	1.1	2.1	3.7	3.1	3.4	2.8	2.1	2.3	1.2
Jun	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.7	0.8	2.0	4.4	3.0	3.5	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.4
Jul	2.3	2.2	2.1	3.0	1.1	2.1	4.0	3.1	3.3	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.9
Aug	2.3	2.1	2.0	3.1	0.8	2.1	3.9	2.8	3.3	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.8
Sep	2.1	2.0	1.8	2.8	0.9	2.0	3.8	2.9	3.2	2.2	2.4	2.2	1.8
Oct	2.4	2.2	2.7	3.1	1.5	2.3	4.0	3.3	3.6	2.3	2.5	2.1	2.0
Nov	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.6	1.0	2.0	4.4	3.2	3.5	2.2	2.7	2.1	2.6
Dec	2.4	2.2	1.9	2.5	0.9	2.3	4.8	3.1	3.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	3.9
Annual Rate of Change - 2005													
Jan	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.5	0.8	1.6	4.2	4.2	3.1	1.6	2.1	2.0	2.8
Feb	2.1	2.1	2.3	1.4	1.0	1.9	4.6	3.2	3.3	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.4
Mar	2.1	2.1	2.8	1.1	1.3	1.6	4.8	2.9	3.4	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.4
Apr	2.1	2.1	2.4	1.4	1.7	1.4	4.7	3.3	3.5	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.7
May	2.0	2.0	2.3	0.9	1.2	1.6	2.9	3.2	3.0	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.1
Jun	2.1	2.0	2.7	1.3	1.7	1.8	3.2	3.2	3.2	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.5
Jul	2.2	2.1	2.7	1.4	1.8	1.8	3.9	3.9	3.3	1.8	2.2	2.1	1.3
Aug	2.2	2.2	2.9	1.4	2.4	1.9	4.2	3.6	3.3	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.5
Sep	2.6	2.5	3.0	2.0	2.3	2.5	4.9	3.8	3.8	2.4	2.7	2.2	2.1
Oct	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.4	1.9	2.3	4.5	3.7	3.5	2.0	2.6	2.6	2.2
Nov	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	1.8	2.2	4.0	3.4	3.4	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.0
Dec	2.2	2.1	2.8	1.9	2.2	2.1	3.6	3.5	3.7	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.4
Annual Rate of Change - 2006													
Jan	2.4	2.3	2.8	2.4	2.0	2.1	4.7	3.0	4.2	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.0
Feb	2.3	2.2	2.8	2.4	2.1	2.1	4.5	3.1	4.1	2.0	2.7	2.2	2.3
Mar	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.4	1.8	1.9	4.0	3.3	3.9	1.7	2.8	2.2	2.6
Apr	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.3	1.8	2.3	4.3	3.5	3.9	2.0	2.7	2.3	2.5
May	2.5	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.1	2.1	4.6	3.3	4.1	2.4	3.0	2.3	2.5
Jun	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.0	4.4	3.4	4.0	2.2	2.9	2.4	2.6
Jul	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.0	2.1	4.5	3.9	4.0	2.2	2.9	2.3	2.8
Aug	2.3p	2.3p	2.4	2.6	1.9	1.8	5.0	3.4	3.8	2.1	3.2	2.3	2.7
Sep													
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RATES OF CHANGE (%)

LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	SI	SK	FI	SE	UK	
Annual Average Rate of Change														
2.9	-1.1	2.5	4.7	1.9	2.2	1.3	0.7	3.3	5.7	8.4	1.3	2.3	1.4	2003/12
6.2	1.2	3.2	6.8	2.7	1.4	2.0	3.6	2.5	3.7	7.5	0.1	1.0	1.3	2004/12
6.9	2.7	3.8	3.5	2.5	1.5	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.8	0.8	0.8	2.1	2005/12
7.0	3.4	3.8	3.0	3.1	1.7p	1.9p	1.3	2.6	2.7	4.1	1.2	1.4	2.2	2006/8
Annual Rate of Change - 2004														
4.0	-1.2	2.3	6.7	2.8	1.5	1.2	1.8	2.2	4.0	8.3	0.8	1.3	1.4	Jan
4.3	-1.2	2.5	7.0	2.5	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.1	3.6	8.4	0.4	0.1	1.3	Feb
4.7	-0.9	2.0	6.6	2.1	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.2	3.5	8.0	-0.4	0.4	1.1	Mar
5.0	-0.7	2.7	7.0	3.6	1.5	1.5	2.3	2.4	3.6	7.9	-0.4	1.0	1.1	Apr
6.1	1.1	3.4	7.8	3.1	1.7	2.1	3.5	2.5	3.9	8.2	-0.1	1.5	1.5	May
6.1	1.1	3.8	7.5	3.2	1.5	2.3	4.2	3.7	3.9	8.2	-0.1	1.2	1.6	Jun
6.7	1.7	3.8	7.2	3.1	1.2	2.1	4.7	2.9	3.7	8.4	0.2	1.2	1.4	Jul
7.8	2.2	3.6	7.2	2.5	1.2	2.2	4.8	2.4	3.7	7.1	0.3	1.1	1.3	Aug
7.7	3.1	3.1	6.7	3.2	1.2	1.8	4.6	2.1	3.4	6.6	0.2	1.1	1.1	Sep
7.2	3.1	4.1	6.4	2.7	1.5	2.4	4.6	2.4	3.4	6.6	0.6	1.5	1.2	Oct
7.2	2.9	4.0	5.8	1.9	1.5	2.3	4.5	2.6	3.8	6.3	0.2	1.1	1.5	Nov
7.4	2.8	3.5	5.5	1.9	1.2	2.5	4.4	2.6	3.3	5.8	0.1	0.9	1.7	Dec
Annual Rate of Change - 2005														
6.7	2.8	2.9	4.0	1.9	1.2	2.4	3.8	2.0	2.3	3.2	-0.2	0.5	1.6	Jan
7.0	3.2	3.2	3.4	2.5	1.5	2.3	3.6	2.1	2.8	2.7	0.0	1.2	1.7	Feb
6.6	3.2	3.5	3.3	2.6	1.5	2.4	3.4	2.3	3.3	2.4	0.9	0.5	1.9	Mar
7.1	3.2	3.7	3.8	2.0	1.3	2.3	3.1	2.0	2.7	2.7	1.2	0.4	1.9	Apr
6.5	1.9	3.7	3.5	2.4	1.0	2.0	2.1	1.8	2.1	2.4	0.6	0.2	1.9	May
6.6	2.0	3.2	3.7	2.1	1.5	2.0	1.4	0.6	1.7	2.6	1.0	0.8	2.0	Jun
6.3	1.9	4.0	3.6	1.7	1.5	2.1	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.1	0.9	0.7	2.3	Jul
6.3	2.3	4.3	3.5	2.5	1.6	1.9	1.8	2.5	1.8	2.1	1.0	1.1	2.4	Aug
7.4	2.5	4.7	3.6	2.0	1.7	2.6	1.9	2.7	3.2	2.3	1.1	1.1	2.5	Sep
7.7	3.0	5.0	3.1	3.0	1.5	2.0	1.6	2.6	3.2	3.5	0.8	0.9	2.3	Oct
7.6	2.9	3.6	3.3	4.3	1.6	1.7	1.1	2.5	2.1	3.6	1.0	1.2	2.1	Nov
7.1	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.4	2.0	1.6	0.8	2.5	2.4	3.9	1.1	1.3	1.9	Dec
Annual Rate of Change - 2006														
7.6	3.5	4.1	2.5	2.4	1.8	1.5	0.9	2.6	2.6	4.1	1.2	1.1	1.9	Jan
7.0	3.4	3.9	2.3	2.3	1.4	1.5	0.9	2.9	2.3	4.3	1.3	1.1	2.0	Feb
6.6	3.1	3.7	2.4	2.9	1.4	1.3	0.9	3.0	2.0	4.3	1.2	1.5	1.8	Mar
6.1	3.4	3.5	2.4	3.5	1.8	2.1	1.2	2.9	2.8	4.4	1.5	1.8	2.0	Apr
7.1	3.6	3.6	2.9	3.5	1.8	2.1	1.5	2.9	3.4	4.8	1.7	1.9	2.2	May
6.3	3.7	3.9	2.9	3.3	1.8	1.9	1.5	2.8	3.0	4.5	1.5	1.9	2.5	Jun
6.9	4.4	3.4	3.2	3.6	1.7r	2.0	1.4	2.2	1.9	5.0	1.4	1.8	2.4	Jul
6.8	4.3	3.1	4.7	3.0	1.9p	2.1p	1.7	2.0	3.1	5.0	1.3	1.6	2.5	Aug
														Sep
														Oct
														Nov
														Dec

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TABLE III  
HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER  
PRICES  
INDEX NUMBERS 2005 = 100

	EEA	IS	NO	CH**
Annual Average Index				
2003	95.97	96.41	97.9	98.0
2004	97.89	98.64	98.5	98.8
2005	100.00	100.00	100.0	100.0
Monthly Index - 2004				
Jan	96.52	97.17	97.7	97.9
Feb	96.71	96.79	97.9	97.9
Mar	97.29	97.56	98.4	98.1
Apr	97.69	97.94	98.6	99.0
May	98.08	98.63	98.7	99.2
Jun	98.10	99.17	98.7	99.4
Jul	97.92	98.86	98.6	98.3
Aug	98.06	98.79	98.3	98.7
Sep	98.23	99.17	98.7	98.7
Oct	98.57	99.71	99.0	99.6
Nov	98.54	99.79	99.0	99.7
Dec	98.92	100.10	98.8	99.6
Monthly Index - 2005				
Jan	98.42	99.71	98.7	99.1
Feb	98.73	99.56	98.7	99.3
Mar	99.32	99.94	99.2	99.6
Apr	99.73	99.48	99.7	100.4
May	100.00	99.17	100.1	100.3
Jun	100.08	99.56	100.3	100.0
Jul	100.02	99.40	99.9	99.5
Aug	100.26	99.17	100.1	99.6
Sep	100.71	100.79	100.8	100.1
Oct	100.95	101.25	100.8	100.9
Nov	100.75	100.87	100.8	100.7
Dec	101.03	101.10	100.8	100.6
Monthly Index - 2006				
Jan	100.63	101.01	100.5	100.4
Feb	100.93	100.78	101.4	100.7
Mar	101.40	101.93	101.6	100.6
Apr	102.06	102.72	102.5	101.4
May	102.42	103.92	102.6	101.6
Jun	102.52	105.27	102.4	101.6
Jul	102.42	105.71	102.2	100.9
Aug	102.59p	106.17	102.2	101.1
Sep				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				

TABLE IV  
HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER  
PRICES  
RATES OF CHANGE (%)

EEA	IS	NO	CH**	
Annual Average Rate of Change				
2.0	1.4	2.0	0.6	2003/12
2.0	2.3	0.6	0.8	2004/12
2.2	1.4	1.5	1.2	2005/12
2.3p	3.1	2.2	1.3	2006/8
Annual Rate of Change - 2004				
1.7	1.5	-1.5	0.2	Jan
1.5	1.4	-1.5	0.1	Feb
1.5	1.0	-0.4	-0.1	Mar
1.8	1.5	0.5	0.6	Apr
2.3	2.3	1.1	0.9	May
2.3	2.8	1.3	1.1	Jun
2.2	2.7	1.6	0.8	Jul
2.1	3.1	1.1	1.0	Aug
2.0	2.7	1.1	0.8	Sep
2.2	2.9	1.4	1.3	Oct
2.1	2.9	1.4	1.5	Nov
2.2	2.9	1.2	1.4	Dec
Annual Rate of Change - 2005				
2.0	2.6	1.0	1.2	Jan
2.1	2.9	0.8	1.4	Feb
2.1	2.4	0.8	1.5	Mar
2.1	1.6	1.1	1.4	Apr
2.0	0.5	1.4	1.1	May
2.0	0.4	1.6	0.6	Jun
2.1	0.5	1.3	1.2	Jul
2.2	0.4	1.8	0.9	Aug
2.5	1.6	2.1	1.4	Sep
2.4	1.5	1.8	1.3	Oct
2.2	1.1	1.8	1.0	Nov
2.1	1.0	2.0	1.0	Dec
Annual Rate of Change - 2006				
2.2	1.3	1.8	1.3	Jan
2.2	1.2	2.7	1.4	Feb
2.1	2.0	2.4	1.0	Mar
2.3	3.3	2.8	1.1	Apr
2.4	4.8	2.5	1.4	May
2.4	5.7	2.1	1.6	Jun
2.4	6.3	2.3	1.4	Jul
2.3p	7.1	2.1	1.5	Aug
				Sep
				Oct
				Nov
				Dec

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TABLE V

MAIN CATEGORIES OF HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES  
August 2006 / August 2005

ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE (%)

	00.	01.	02.	03.	04.	05.	06.	07.	08.	09.	10.	11.	12.
Euro area	2.3p	2.9p	2.8p	-0.1p	4.8p	0.9p	1.5p	3.5p	-3.9p	0.0p	2.7p	2.5p	2.2p
EICP	2.3p	3.0p	2.7p	-0.9p	5.7p	0.5p	1.7p	3.3p	-3.1p	-0.2p	3.3p	2.6p	2.7p
BE	2.4	2.9	1.6	0.1	4.1	1.1	2.4	2.0	-1.8	1.2	1.6	4.1	2.7
CZ	2.6	1.7	1.4	-6.6	9.4	-1.5	5.6	2.8	0.7	0.9	4.0	3.6	2.4
DK	1.9	3.2	0.5	-2.2	3.9	1.0	-1.2	3.4	-1.8	1.5	3.1	2.8	1.2
DE	1.8	2.6	4.0	-0.7	3.8	-0.2	1.0	3.1	-3.6	-0.4	2.5	1.1	0.9
EE	5.0	6.1	3.7	2.5	10.3	2.1	3.4	6.2	-5.3	6.2	3.5	3.6	4.3
EL	3.4	4.3	4.2	0.8	8.4	2.5	2.4	4.1	0.2	1.1	3.8	2.5	3.2
ES	3.8	4.6	1.7	1.0	6.4	2.7	1.4	4.9	-1.2	0.5	4.0	4.4	4.2
FR	2.1	2.4	0.3	-0.1	4.7	0.6	3.6	3.5	-7.0	-0.6	3.2	2.4	2.9
IE	3.2	1.5	0.3	-3.6	7.6	-1.2	4.2	5.5	-0.2	2.5	4.7	4.3	2.9
IT	2.3	2.2	4.8	0.4	6.2	1.8	-0.7	3.3	-3.8	0.9	3.0	2.0	2.9
CY	2.7	4.9	3.7	-3.3	6.5	0.0	3.2	6.7	-0.6	0.3	5.3	0.3	3.4
LV	6.8	8.7	8.9	-1.4	14.6	2.5	5.6	6.4	-7.9	2.5	8.6	11.4	6.5
LT	4.3	7.3	0.2	-2.9	7.3	0.8	7.8	5.9	-0.2	1.1	-1.0	3.6	5.5
LU	3.1	2.5	3.5	0.2	6.3	1.6	3.1	4.9	-2.8	1.2	5.0	2.5	3.2
HU	4.7	8.8	4.1	-0.8	10.2	-1.5	3.2	4.4	-4.4	2.5	7.4	4.3	2.5
MT	3.0	2.2	0.6	5.0	12.3	1.6	4.2	5.9	0.1	-1.5	2.7	1.2	2.9
NL	1.9p	2.1p	1.2p	3.9p	4.9p	0.1p	3.5p	2.0p	-3.0p	1.0p	-16.0p	2.2p	0.0p
AT	2.1p	2.7p	0.4p	-2.1p	6.3p	0.2p	1.2p	3.6p	-3.6p	-1.7p	7.1p	1.9p	2.4p
PL	1.7	1.6	1.4	-7.2	4.6	0.1	0.9	2.8	0.4	-1.8	1.6	1.6	4.0
PT	2.0	3.1	9.1	-16.1	3.8	1.0	1.2	5.4	-0.9	0.5	5.6	1.0	3.4
SI	3.1	4.0	3.3	-0.2	5.7	4.1	-0.7	3.1	-0.6	0.9	2.8	4.4	4.2
SK	5.0	2.3	3.0	-0.2	13.6	0.0	11.0	1.6	2.0	1.9	5.9	2.8	4.0
FI	1.3	2.0	1.2	-1.1	3.2	-0.4	-0.3	2.6	-4.6	-0.2	2.5	1.8	2.4
SE	1.6	1.6	0.6	2.3	4.9	-2.9	1.0	0.6	-6.3	0.1	3.2	2.6	4.0
UK	2.5	3.4	3.3	-3.9	10.5	-0.5	2.6	2.4	-0.7	-0.9	4.7	3.0	3.9
EEA	2.3p	3.0p	2.7p	-1.0p	5.7p	0.5p	1.7p	3.3p	-3.0p	-0.2p	3.3p	2.6p	2.7p
IS	7.1	12.8	3.5	4.2	6.5	3.6	4.6	11.0	3.8	3.1	4.3	8.2	4.9
NO	2.1	1.2	2.3	-6.7	8.5	-1.9	2.6	4.0	0.8	0.7	2.2	3.3	-1.2

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